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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: JOHANNES ALPHONSUS HEGELSON, et al

For: ASSEMBLY FOR FIXING A TUBE FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES TO A PATIENT'S MOUTH

Attorney Docket No.: U 013111-0

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to an examination of this application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-27.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 28. Assembly for fixing a tube for medical purposes to a patient's mouth, the tube being fixed to the patient's head, comprising a tube clamping means which can be attached to the tube in a detachable manner, which tube clamping means is provided

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 1.10

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